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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Kim et al.

**Examiner:** Patel, Gautam

**Serial No:** 09/338,473

**Group Art Unit:** 2653

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**Docket:** 8836-116 (IB8187US)

**For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING MULTI-WORD STACK OPERATIONS IN  
DIGITAL DATA PROCESSORS**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Box DAC  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 requesting withdrawal of the holding of  
abandonment of the above-identified application based on the failure to receive an Office Action.

On or about September 23, 2002, our office received a Notice of Abandonment, which  
was mailed on September 19, 2002, indicating that the above-identified had gone abandoned  
based on Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to an Office Action mailed on November  
30, 2001, within the statutory period. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is annexed hereto.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence (and all document referred to as being attached or enclosed) is  
being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage paid in an addressed to: Assistant  
Commissioner for Patents, Box DAC, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 19, 2002.

Dated: 11/19/02

  
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Upon receiving the Notice of Abandonment, I conducted a search of the file jacket and reviewed the docketing records with our Office Manager, Margaret Schultz, and determined that our Office in fact never received the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2001.

In addition, submitted herewith is a Statement from our Office Manager, Margaret Schultz, attesting to the fact that a search of the file and docket records indicates that the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2001 was not received by our Office.

It should be noted that on or around the mailing date of the Office Action, November 30, 2001, there was a major disruption in the U.S. mail system due to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent Anthrax scare, wherein special mailing procedure were temporarily adopted by the USPTO. Therefore, based on these extraordinary circumstances, it is highly possible that the November 30, 2001 Office Action was lost in the mail.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and that the Patent Office reissue the outstanding Office Action so that Applicants can timely respond.

I HEREBY DECLARE that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made

are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 U.S. Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted

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